CURRENT SPORTING TALK

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAYS NATIONAL LEAGUE RULES ARE WORTHLESS. Hanlon Favors a Baseball War to the Knife

Jockey Sioan Has Lost \$20,000 at West Fight To-night -Creedon Wins at Last The changes in the baseball rules adopted the National League last week will not be ndorsed by the American League. President Johnson declares that the new rule calling foul balls strikes is absurd and that the one hurrying pitchers into the box without a chance to "warm up" is unjust, in that many valuable twirlers may injure arms by working them when "cold." John-son further states that the rule compelling mpires to remove players who indulge in obscene language is worthless, unless the ub owners back up President Young's orders to the umpires to enforce the rules. When Freedman says he will have nothing more to do with his fellow magnates until they establish clean baseball, it is to laugh." says Johnson. "The National League is the exponent of hoodlumism fact The American League intends to pave the way for clean sport, because the club owners allow me to enforce the rules at any

sons who are at present loath to invest money in their venture—Soden and Conant together nave more money than all of the American League magnates combined, and if they are willing to lose it in a fight for their rights they should be encouraged."

But it does not look as if the Boston men would be allowed to fight. It seems to be a case of live and let live at Philadelphia. Benjamin F Shibe, the President of the Philadelphia American League club, is the business partner of A J. Reach, who is part owner of the National League club of that city. For that reason it is believed that strings will be pulled to have a non-conflicting schedule.

ame, hard fighter when put to the test on has whipped West easily, and in the ien last summer the latter was a mark loe Walcott until the latter, in the opinion eputable ring patrons, threw the fight declaring that he had injured his arm has been picking easy marks and easy ey for the past six mouths, and this ch with West looks as if Tommy knew business when he made it. Among local weers of puglism, Ryan is a 4 to 1 favorite.

d soon the Australian was glad to get h with anybody so long as he could loser's end of the purse money. In e of constant reverses, however, Creese a clean record. He never has been of fouling and is one of the pluckiest. In the world. Perhaps he would adde a better puglist if he had not been e in the ring, a quality that appears to cliar to boxers from the Antipodes, the champion of them all, Fitzsim-Steve. O Donnell, the Australian reight, was another polite fighter, quite Chesterfieldian even in defeat, and Creedon could meet the referee not be compelled to instruct them.

Athletic Students.

tte's eligibility rules and of certain big gas not meeting her on the football field been able to secure definite dates unsylvania and Princeton, while stell-wed to have decided not to play at all. Backers of Lafayette say folial against her is raised not from matship attitude, but because of the of the team at both baseball and foot-ectally the latter. Princeton, Penn-Columbia, Yale and Cornell have a player can appear in their football has not been a bonafide student The other colleges have no such yette alone has been singled out fairly and squarely. She has me year rule, thus placing fer

to adort such regulations as may by "Big Four" combinations friends are now waiting to see by new excuse will be offered why rsities will not agree to meet

Bronx School League Chess Tournament.

e for adjourned games in the Bronx League chess tournament were fin-

17 wut 7 lost Kimball, 184; and 104; and 10°, Buair, 184; and 104; Adler, i Rutherford, 10 and 14. Powler, 8 and

ON THE BROOKLYN SPEEDWAY. Firm, Dry Road Results in Many Spirited

There was a great turning out of drivers on the Brooklyn Speedway yesterday and they were nearly all agreeably surprised to find a firm, dry course that was eminently fit for fast going. The morning crowd was comparatively light, as if many suspected a sticky road, but in the afternoon there was a throng fit for a Sunday of actual springtime. The horses seemed to appreciate the good footing and pulled hard on the rein There was a lot of spirited brushing in spite. of the fact that many of the good steppers are now being held out for the preparatory work of circuit chasing. The most conspicuous entertaining and argument-provoking horse of the afternoon was W. Mahoney's black pacer Adsign, 2:19, that was ripe for fun and kept going up and down the one-mile stretch, taking on everything offered. He made away with half a dozen strangers and then engaged with J. H. Rowland's team of bays, Neva Wilkes, 2:13%, and Nibbs, 2:14%. He beat out the noted team by a length and then was turned in search of more good things to conquer. He was not to put in an undefeated afternoon, however, for there were a couple of rival champions out in the side-wheeling line One of these was

BRISTOL BOAT WELL ADVANCED. All the Fastenings Expected to Be Completed

Bristot, March 3 -Last week came to a Cup defender in a well advanced stage of construction, which is said to be satisfactory the hull with bronze plates and steel deck straps was pushed well, resulting in the out-

line of the craft showing as it will look when launched. The riveting has progressed so well that the plates in the midship section as high up as the water line are permanently fastened. Out on the ends of the forward and after sections there is yet much work to be done, but if all stories prove correct the fastenings on the boat will be completed by the latter part of March. This, of course, will depend upon there being no delay. There are a few plates to be bolted to the strake next to the sheer line. Mechanics swarm all over the interior of the craft, harmering rivets, setting up the screws and nuts and fastening the straps. The storn piece was raised to its place on the after overhang yesterday afternoon and quickly fastened, giving the craft a launty appearance.

The sail loft is a busy place. The dozen small rolls of duck received from Lawrence yesterday were quickly unrolled to be made into intermediate sails. The flush plating is beginning to be talked about here because of the flue mechanical finish it shows on

the boat Baseball Prospects at Fordham College.

The prospects for a strong baseball nine at Pordham College never have been brighter. at Fordham College never have been brighter.
The candidates are practising under the direction of C. McKenna, captain, who will select the nine. The original list of candidates has been greatly thinned out, those remaining being as follows

C. McKenna, C. Horan, H. Heide, E. Swetnam, F. Mitchell, E. Joyce, B. Harragion, A. Kane, J. Fogarty, W. Curley, C. Seitt, J. Builer, J. Dempsey, W. Scanlon, J. Olmen, E. Ewald, R. Cobters, R. Woollett, V. Oldshue and W. Hinchliffe.

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March 27, C. C. N. V., at Fordham: 30, game pending: April 3, Vale: 13, C. C. N. Y. 17, Syrachse University, and 20, Bucknell University, all at Fordham: 24, Princeton, at Princeton; 27, Holy Cross College, at Worcester, May 1, Hochester University, and, 2, Cornell, at Fordham, 4, Lafayette College, 61 Easton; 7 and 8, games pending, 16, Orange 5, C. at Orange 15, game pending, 16, Lafayette College, at Fordham 18, Crossent A. C., at Bay Hudge; 21, Holy Cross College, at Fordham, 22, Syracise 25, Leitzh, at Fordham; 30, Orange A. C. two games, at Orange, 31, Georgetown University, at Syracise, 25, Leitzh, at Fordham; 16, Lafayette College, 6, Carllisle Indians, and, 8, Knickerbooker A. C. at Fordham; 15, game pending, 18, Leitzh, at South Betitehem.

Tim Callaban of Philadelphia has issued a chal-lenge to box Ferry Medimerri.

Patsy Sweeny, the Irish lightweight, expects to leave here for England in April.

The contest between Martin Plaherry, and Jack O'Brien, the local lightweight, scheduled for Youngs-town, Oldo, to morrow night, has been declared off, as the Mayor of that city has refused a permit for the bout.

Statem Island
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Sammy Harris, the well known Western featherweight, died of pneumonia at his home at Chicago
on Saturday. He was a twin incident to Harry Harris, the feathers eight, who is now at Landson with
Sammy Kells
Johnny Gorman, the local middleweight, is after
a maten with any shed 158 pounder. First Jimmy
Reley, who took faddle toghodly to England a fewyears ago, has charge of thomah a shares and says
that he will post a fuffect at any time.
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DRIVING ON THE SPEEDWAY

TURNOUTS PLENTIFUL, BUT LITTLE DONE IN THE BRUSHING LINE.

Owners Decline to Speed Their Cracks Owing to the Soft Footing -Moth Miller and Dollade Wilkes Have an Interesting Race, the Former Winning - Edward B. Beats T. N. B. Despite the fact that the Speedway was heavy from the rain of Saturday, which drew rider in the city who has a horse available was out for a spin yesterday morning. The with big chunks of clay from the horses' beels, and fancy, white driving coats were well turn at speed. The drivers, however, gave out one of the greatest crowds of pedestrians seen along the sidewalks for several weeks and every brush was heartily applauded. Dr. David Randell's clever little roan pacer

handily disposing of several fast ones. The dusty Miller's first argument of consequence was against the black mare Dollade Wilkes, 2 10%, that C. Riley, owner of Mahlon and Bel Esprit, bought at the Fasig-Tipton sale

Jesus and the shind his compared books and fast buy mare. [Ja. by Pemple Bar., dain by Petowsky, and jorged over the course several times. His mare looks as thought she had the speed to make it interesting for the top for civing her ber howed libras are far with the per course of the top for civing her ber howed libras are far with the per course of the top who will toke after his cumpaintaint string, I gerel Lottia McGregor and one or two titlers. Mr. Alexander drove his fast mare shin behind his bay kelding landy.

During the afternoon the lower stretch from likh Hriggs to the foot of the hill was not really safe to drive at a high rate of speed. Jack Curry with the fast pacer Red Laxin of the Lamar colden to avoid collision with areas of the afternoon was between C. R. Jarvis, driving Edward D. and the gray pacer, I N. B. driven by his counce, Dr. Randell fail, but he has rounded to this winter and is going good. They got under was from under Hish Bridge, and cut out for the mandam like a streak of lightning. The gray lover rich, whose if the high the had was half a length a head when they reached the finish at the foot of the hill. Edward D, aice won a good lovels from Bonnie Kiriland, Charles to the front linch by tuch and was half a length a head when they reached the finish at the foot of the hill. Edward D, aice won a good lovels from Bonnie Kiriland, Charles and the finish at the foot of the hill. Edward D, aice won and should the was considered to this winter and is going sood. They got under was from a good lovels from Bonnie Kiriland, Charles and the finish at the foot of the hill. Edward D, aice won and head affairs and the flight had to access the lite of the front linch keritande. Charles and the flight had been dealed by the control of the late drivers, a more from the bridge to the mandam, with Red Lawn. The B. Bonnie Kiriland, Charles and the flight of the late drivers, a more from the bridge to the mandam, with Red Lawn and showed the way to several of the late drivers, and the flight of the

Stake, to be trotted here next Fall, promises to be a battle between millionaires. He predicts that J. Malcolm Forbes, Thomas W. Lawson Albert C. Bestwick, W. C. Floyddones and Nathan Strads will have entries in the race, and that should the National Association reverse the ruling in the case of Harry Deverency, that turinan will also have an entry. It straus has instructed his trainer to especially prepare Cuprum for the event. Mr. Lawson will enter Dreamer. Mr. Forbes has a four-year-old on his barm which he thinks will be up to the race. Mr. Bostwick is on the lookout for a superior herse, and Mr. Jones is negotiating for Oriana, 242; Mr. Deverency, if permitted to enter, will race John A. Mc. Kerron, 240. This will make the steatest contest in the history of the stake. Already more than 200 entries have been received to the Kennicky Futurity stake, which closes on Match 15.

The official announcement has be that Joe Kelly has signed to play champion Brooklyns this year his old piace as captain of the team

GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS. Latest Declarations Show Horses Eligible for

the Annual Champion Stakes. The current issue of the Racing Calendar contains the list of horses eligible for the annual Champion Stakes, to be run at the autumn meeting of the Coney Island Jockey those made on Feb. 1, the latest date for declarations from this stake. Last year Ethelbert, with Spencer up, was beaten by the frost from the ground, almost every road the outsider, David Garrick, through the superior handling of the latter by Bullman. Of the six starters on that occasion, Killa-

who, if his entry for the Brighton cup Moth Miller was the star of the morning, stay a distance, should stand a good chance for the stake, as the annual Champion is run Isia and Ballyhoo Bey are also in the threeyear-old division. Thirteen entered as foals were declared out at \$50 on Feb. 1 and twelve

with a seal of the seal of the

Coney Island cycle paths were busy all day and the riders sat on the stone copings at the Prospect Park rest as if it were skinner time. In the middle of the alternoon there were a lundred of them at this rendezvous. The old cycle path was soit and much cut up, while the easterly path was dry and good. There was cause for rejoicing, however, in the vision of heaps of crushed grantie of the side of the old path, showing the intention of Park Commissioner Brower to hoght the work of improving it at an early date. The cycle racks at the hotels were well patronized and the early activity of the cycling crowd gave every one hopes of a big wheeling season.

Skaturs.

At the Clermont Avenue Birk, Brooklyn, on Saturday night Arthur Vale Sarony of the N Y A C won the one-mile handleap for the forty-yird mark. C H Laman, his wind stream of the cycle rack was sevenal, and W W. S. 1 A C, 75 yards, third A half in the forty-yird mark. C H Laman, his wind stream of the cycle race was won by W II. Birton J. S. Baker second. Le Roy See fades of the N M C A. The latter appeared to be included by the forty-yird mark. C H Laman, his wind the base second. The first was become the white Phans five and the second team of the N M C A. The latter appeared to be included by the creeks kind of good throwing ted the same based on the N M C A. The latter appeared to be a robust for the park recorded I mainte 23-seconds.

The Inauguration.

HIE EVENING SYN to lay, March 4, will condition the thanguration of President McKinley.—Ade.

FLORIDA GOLF BLOOMING.

OPEN TOURNAMENTS UNDER WAY ON

WEST AND EAST COASTS. Travis and Lockwood on the Links-Miami Club to Hold Its Annual Competition - Col. Lockhart Resigns at St. Andrews and Brings Up Question of Paid Secretaries.

Walter J. Travis and A. G. Lockwood made their appearance during the week in the Florida Golf Association tournaments, popularily known as the West Coast, and, with many more Northerners, the pair will probgoing was so soft that drivers were bombarded shandra, which finished third, is dead, and ably play at Winter Park, Ocala, Tampa Maid of Harlem is now in England. Among and Kissimmee, which will continue until the older division entitled to start for the the end of March. On Thursday, Friday frescoed in brown and yellow after a short | \$25,000 prize are: Prince of Melbourne, II- and Saturday the East Coast Golf Club tourdrim. Toddy. Standing and Rockton. Al- naments will be continued by the annual com-The bright sunshine and mild air also coaxed four years old and upward eligible to start events at Palm Beach, Ormonde and the events at Palm Beach, Ormonde and the and forty-four three-year-olds, a total of St. Augustine Country Club, where the cham122. The three-year-olds include Commando, pionship will be held. "A member of one may be taken as evidence of his ability to the West and East Coast clubs and about the same players will appear in the events of each circuit. The season will wind up over a two-aud-a-quarter mile course. Beau in the first week of April by the annual "All Ormonde, All Green, Bellario, Frankfort, Florida" championship on the links of the St. Augustine Golf Club, which is an allied member of the U.S.G.A., and conducts its affairs as rigorously as the open tournaments

will play The course is in excellent condition and the three professionals of the links.

A. H. Psnu, Robert Strennor and "Jimmy"
Pouglass are practising whenever they get
the opportunity. The finals of the women's
Southern Florida championship will be played
to-morrow. Mrs. A. Sidney Carpenter of
Philadelphia and C. F. Watson of Essex have
both put up handsome trophies for a mixed
foursome.

TAMPA, March 2.—A. G. Lockwood, the
crack golfer of the Allston Club of Boston
played his first game on the Tampa Bay
course to-day and was followed by a large
erowd. In the morning there was an eighteenhole four-ball match, A. G. Lockwood and J.
Frank Turner against Col J. Hamilton Gillispies and James Foulds, the professional, at
Tampa. The latter won by 2 up and 1 to play.
In the afternoon James Foulds played the
best ball, Lockwood and Col. Gillispie beating them by 3 up and 2 to play. Foulds played
a great game in each match going round the
course in 72 both times, which is one less
than the "Colonel" and constitutes a record.

The New York A. C. is practically assured of the chaampionship of the Amateur Hockey League. The standing to date is:

Indoor Baseball.

Only three games were played for the Indoor Baseball League championship on Saturday night. The meeting between the teams of the Twelfth and Saventy first saventy fir Games Tied St. Nicholas S. C., 3; S. C. of Brook-yn, 1; Hockey Club, 1; Quaker City H. C., 1.

| Per Heffley School's team defeated the Pratt Institute High School on Saturday hight at the Clermont avenue rink. Potherms tallied Pratt's only goal, while Bullen, Kennedy and Liftlen ran up nine for Heffley.

Basketball Notes.

On last Friday night the St Mary's crack five lined up against the second team of the Morning-sides. After a fast game the Morningsides carried off the honors by a score of 15 to 5.

The team of the Holy Cross Lyceum played the Cathedral Club five in the former's gymnasium on Saturday night. The Holy Cross boys outelassed their opponents and won by a score of 20 to 7.

The Columbia University team was defeated by the Larchmont A C at New Rochelle on Saturday night, the score being 16 to 8. Larchmont started in with a rush and led by 10 goals to 4 at the emi of the first half. The college men valuey tried to stem ter tide against them in the second half. in a State League game on Saturday night the Fourth Separate Company team of Yonkers defeated the Metropolitans of this city by a score of 19 to 12, it was the hardest contest the Yonkers men have placed this season. Five minutes before the end of the game McQuillan, the big Yonkers center, was mocked out and had to be led from the floor.

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